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SUMMARIZING RECURRENT THEMES OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIONS ON TAT-7 REFTEL, CITING THOSE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH WERE DEEMED IMPORTANT, AND NOTING THAT REPRESENTATIONS WERE MADE THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND EMBASSIES ABROAD AS A FOREIGN POLICY MATTER, NOT SOLELY THROUGH PTT'S

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2. DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE DISCUSSED FOLLOW-UP ON OUR LETTER WITH FCC CHAIRMAN AND SENIOR FCC STAFF. DEPARTMENT WAS TOLD THAT FCC IS CURRENTLY RECONSIDERING THE TAT-7 CASE, BASED ON COMMENTS FILED BY THE U.S. DOMESTIC COMPANIES

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3. DURING PERIOD THAT PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION ARE PENDING, FCC HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT THERE ARE STRICT STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ON THE TYPE OF CONTACTS AND MEETINGS IN WHICH IT MAY ENGAGE, WHICH LARGELY PRECLUDE CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTIES HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE CASE. STATUTORY LIMITATIONS ALSO PRECLUDE THE FCC FROM NEGOTIATING OR UNDERTAKING ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT APPEAR TO LEAD TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. FCC ADVISES THAT ONCE
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4. FCC IS CONCERNED THAT EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATIONS GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON IT BY DOMESTIC LAWS AND THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH IT MUST FUNCTION. FCC IS PREPARING MATERIAL FOR THIS PURPOSE FOR USE BY EMBASSIES IN RESPONDING TO REPRESENTATIONS BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. YOU MAY, IN THE INTERIM, INFORM FONOFFS AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, OF STATUS OF FCC SITUATION REGARDING PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ITS DECEMBER 23, 1977 DECISION. COOPER

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